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Director

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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 1212 (Hueso) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests your signature on SB 1212, legislation that would expand 2-1-1 services into those counties in California where they are lacking and to support a comprehensive statewide database.

2-1-1 has played an important role in the County of San Bernardino. During the 2007 Slide and Grass fires, where more than 40,000 people were evacuated, 211 answered fire-related calls over a 10 day period, connecting callers as needed with DBH counselors, shelter, gave information on school and road closure, and maintained the database of long-term recovery resource information online. The 2-1-1 number becomes the easy access to critical information and connection when people are displaced in disaster. In addition to expansion of an essential referral service needed during times of crisis or natural disasters, this legislation would close the gaps in telephone service through a universally available telephone service available to all California residents regardless of their region. This type of service is critical to a County the size of San Bernardino that encompasses over 20,000 square miles of urban and rural communities.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino requests your signature on SB 1212. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or [jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov](mailto:jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

**JAMES RAMOS**  
Board of Supervisors Chairman  
Third District Supervisor  
County of San Bernardino

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